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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9597

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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SUBJECT: RAILWAY EQUIPMENT & TECHNOLOGY MISSION

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B. DHAHRAN 1242

1. AS LONG AS MISSION MEMBERS FULLY AWARE THAT PROSPECTS FOR SIGNIFICANT NEW RAILWAY ACTIVITY IN SAUDI ARABIA ARE HIGHLY SPECULATIVE, EMBASSY CONCURS IN MISSION VISIT.

2. USEFUL PROGRAM FOR MISSION NOT LIKELY TO CONSIST OF MORE THAN A CALL ON THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE RAILWAYS ORGANIZATION IN DAMMAN (DHAHRAN); AND MEETINGS WITH MINISTRY AND CENTRAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS IN RIYADH. (THERE WOULD BE NO POINT WHATSOEVER IN A STOP AT JIDDA.) DOUBT WHETHER THERE WILL BE MUCH INTEREST IN MISSION WITHIN SAUDI PRIVATE SECTOR--OR NEED FOR CONTACT WITH PRIVATE SECTOR FOR THAT MATTER. THEREFORE SUGGEST PROGRAM OF ONE DAY IN DAMMAM (FEB 18 OR 19, DEPENDING ON ETA FROM DAMASCUS), AND FOLLOWING DAY IN RIYADH. POSSIBILITY OF GOING

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FROM DAMMAM TO RIYADH VIA SAUDI RAILWAY WOULD EXTEND

THIS PROGRAM BY AN ADDITIONAL DAY.

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